

8.(Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutically active compound is paracetamol.:

9.(Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutically active compound is clarithromycin.

Delete claims 10 and 12.

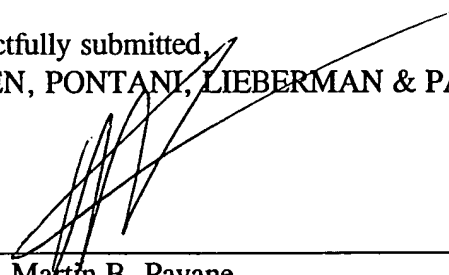
### REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is presented to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims to place the application in better form for allowance. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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